

**DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR  
DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION  
(37 CFR 1.63)**

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Application Number: To be assigned

Filing Date: Concurrently herewith

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As a below named Inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR ACTIVATING GENES OF INTEREST

the specification of which

is attached hereto

OR

was filed on June 24, 1998 as PCT International Application Number PCT/US98/13093 and was amended on (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 of any United States application(s), or 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.9(f) and 1.27(b))--INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

As a below named inventor, I hereby state that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office described in:

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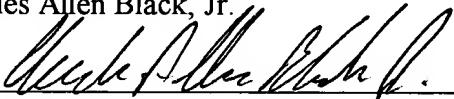
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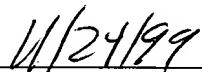
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Charles Allen Black, Jr.



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Date